





The President's Message.

In this remarkably interesting and well written State paper, after expressing devout thankfulness to God for national mercies, the President says the year has been one of peace and prosperity clouded only by the great fire in Boston.

In relation to the result of the arbitrations at Geneva and Berlin, he remarks that the settlement of these two questions of long standing "leaves the two governments without a shadow upon the friendly relations which it is my sincere hope may forever remain equally unclouded." He pays a very high compliment to Mr. Adams and others concerned in the Geneva arbitration, and recommends the creation of a board of commissioners to provide for the distribution of the money awarded. The President thanks the Emperor of Germany for the attention he gave to the San Juan boundary question, compliments Mr. Bancroft on the way in which he presented and managed the case, and adds, this is the first time in the history of the United States that there has been no question of disputed boundary between our territory and the possessions of Great Britain. The disputed islands are now in the exclusive possession of the United States, and he recommends the appointment of a commission to act with one from England to determine the boundary line through the Haro Channel. Also, one to run the boundary line between Alaska and the British possessions.

He recommends the legislation necessary respecting the fisheries and other provisions of the Treaty of Washington, and a survey of our northern boundary between the Lake of the Woods and the Rocky Mountains. With the powers of Europe, the most friendly relations prevail. It is recommended that the International Association should be invited to meet in the United States during the time of the centennial celebration in 1876. He also recommends an adequate provision for commissioners to attend the Vienna Exposition, and two naval vessels be fitted up to convey the goods of exhibitors, without charge, to Trieste, and bring them back.

The death of President Juraz and the election of his successor, are mentioned, and the President adds that Commissioners have been appointed by both Governments to ascertain the damages inflicted by lawless men on the frontier between the two countries.

Considerable space is devoted to the disturbed state of Cuba, the great wrong of continuing slavery there is deprecated, and the hope is expressed that the Liberal Government of Spain will abolish it. He strongly condemns the conduct of American citizens who hold slaves in Cuba, and recommends legislation to reach their case.

The condition of South American States is briefly glanced at, and the debt owing by Venezuela to the United States is brought before Congress for such action as may be appropriate.

The favorable relations with Japan and China are adverted to, and an appropriation is recommended for the support of four American youths in the official family of our Minister in each of those countries. It is recommended that American Consuls be authorized to extend aid to distressed American citizens abroad, as is now done to distressed American seamen.

The Treasury report shows the net reduction of the principal of the debt during the year was \$99,960,253.54. The total reduction since the 1st of March, 1869, is \$363,696,999.87.

The reduction of taxes has been very great in the same time, greatly diminishing the expenses of collection; but it is doubtful if any further reduction can be effected for the present with due regard to the public service and credit. These are the first objects in importance, and after that to provide a national currency of unvarying value.

The message further includes recommendations with regard to internal improvements; the purchase of telegraph lines by the government; favoring local contracts with steam lines for carrying South American mails; for the recovery of the failing carrying trade, recommending an appropriation of \$5,000,000 a year; for a Federal census in 1875; recommending the devotion of the net proceeds of the sale of public lands, to education; revision of the Territorial laws, and appropriations for local improvements in the District of Columbia, and to promote the planting of forests by the purchasers of public lands.

News of the Week.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**  
Congress met on Tuesday.  
Mr. Greeley leaves all his property to his daughter.  
Emperor William of Germany has made good his threat, creating twenty-five new peers.

The application of Woodhull and Claflin to have their bail reduced to \$5,000 each has been refused. They have succeeded in obtaining bail.

Navigation is closed on the St. Lawrence canal, and boats all laid up. The Welland canal is closed for the season.

According to custom, the Governor of Massachusetts pardoned two convicts from the State penitentiary on Thanksgiving day.

Homero Greeley died on Friday at 6:50 p. m. He was conscious at the time of his decease and his death was peaceful.

Argument in the case of Susan B. Anthony, for voting in Rochester at the late election, has been postponed until December 18.

At a meeting of citizens held in Syracuse on Friday evening, the management of the Syracuse and Binghamton road was severely condemned. The late accident, from which death resulted, was denounced as murder.

At a meeting of the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association, Friday, resolutions were adopted providing for the erection of a memorial column and statue in honor of Gen. Meade.

The determination on Sunday of M. Thiers and his cabinet, to remain in the Government has served to dispel grave feelings of uncertainty, which followed the action of the assembly on Saturday last.

The Death of Horace Greeley.

A beholder describes the death of Mr. Greeley as follows: During the day, as is usual in cases of inflammation of the brain, his physical suffering was extremely light, but increased, and the morbid action of his mind was evident, from exterior manifestations. At half past five the old family friend known as "Auntie Lamson" entered and approached his bed. Mr. Greeley was then roused by a friend and asked "Do you know who this is?" He feebly said, "Yes," stretched up his hand in greeting, and then relapsed into his reverie. Later he was asked, "Do you know that you are dying?" and in the same manner without tremor or emotion, he answered, "Yes." When asked if he was in pain, he laid his hand upon his breast, but without otherwise replying, and returned to his semi-unconscious state, lying now with closed eyes and sometimes twitching nervously, but generally still. At half past six he stirred uneasily, and began to mutter indistinctly something which his friends around him could not catch. His daughter Ida, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Mr. Carpenter, Dr. Choate and "Auntie" Lamson were all in the room, anxious to hear his last words. Mr. Greeley indistinctly murmured for a while and at last feebly said, "It is done." There was no evidence of pain in his last moments. The face hardly changed, only a settling a little into a look of perfect peace. Dr. Choate was by his bedside, and, putting his hand to Mr. Greeley's heart, said, "He is gone." The remains were dressed and laid to await removal in the parlor, where a few friends remained to watch through the night beside him.

FUNERAL OF HORACE GREELEY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—If the weather is pleasant to-morrow, the funeral of Mr. Greeley will be the largest ever attended in this city, except that of ex-President Lincoln.

Chapin's Church is being heavily draped. Over the pulpit will be an arch of flowers, with the words, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." The pew of the deceased will be covered with black, with a harp with a broken string occupying the place of Mr. Greeley. The body of the church will be occupied only by the immediate friends of Mr. Greeley and the Tribune employees. Addresses will be delivered by Beecher and Chapin, and Miss Kellogg will sing, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." Admission to the church will be by ticket. The citizens of Brooklyn will erect a \$25,000 monument to Mr. Greeley in Prospect Park. All the municipal corporations in this vicinity will officially attend the funeral. The pall bearers will include Vice President Colfax, Secretary Boutwell, W. L. Garrison, Justice Chase, Charles Sumner, Wm. Cullen Bryant, Gen. Banks, Thurlow Weed, Thomas Hooker, and the Tribune attaches.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4, P. M.—The funeral of Horace Greeley was one of the most imposing and impressive ever seen in the city of New York.

President Grant, Vice-President Colfax, Vice-President-elect Wilson, Chief Justice Chase, Senators Conkling, Fenton, Schurz, Trumbull, Governor-elect Dix and many other distinguished men were present.

MR. GREELEY'S LAST LETTER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The following is the last letter from Horace Greeley to Mr. Lamson, of this city:

NEW YORK, June 27, 1872.  
TO FRIEND LANAM.—Received yours of the 25th. I have all my life been doing what people called vastly foolish, impolitic acts, and I did not dispute their judgment; I only said that what I did seemed to me the right thing. If I should die before election, or be beaten therein, please testify for me that I do not regret having braved public opinion when I thought it wrong and knew it to be meretricious.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—Discharging sores, indolent ulcers, abscesses, and hard swellings of many years' standing are cured in all parts of the world by the use of Holloway's Ointment. Sold 75 Maiden Lane, N. Y. Price 25 cents per pot. Ask for new style the old is counterfeited.

So successful has Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery proven, as a constitutional treatment for Catarrh when coupled with the use of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, applied locally by the use of Dr. Pierce's Nasal Douche (the only method of reaching the upper and back cavities of the head) that the proprietor of these medicines has long offered a standing reward of \$500 for a case of Catarrh which he cannot cure. The two medicines with instrument for \$2, by all Druggists.

DIED.

On the 21st ult., after a long and protracted illness, Mrs. Dora M., wife of Mr. Miller M. Case, and fifth daughter of Mr. Somers and Mrs. Louisa Morehouse, of the town of Mexico, Oswego Co., N. Y., aged 29 years.

A grateful tribute is due to her memory. Deceased was personally known to the author of this sketch, and had been something over nine years. First known as the blushing bride of 20 years, at the Hymeneal altar. Then strong and healthy, and every prospect that the voyage of life would be prosperous; but, alas! how often we are made to realize with sadness the truth, "Ye know not what day may bring forth." For scarce a year had passed since the state of corporeity began to decline. And despite the intense anxiety of a true and devoted husband, and the unwearying and self-sacrificing efforts of the kindest of parents and family relatives, who spared no pains or expense, and the attendance of the best medical aid, the firmly fixed disease, (dropsy), continued its progress, and for eight long years the many friends of the young and amiable Dora were compelled to witness her gradual decline and intense suffering without the power to relieve. But she bore it all with a truly Christian resignation, never complaining, but demonstrating to the last the truth of her Saviour's promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Her brightening countenance at the mention of the prospect before her, and the deep anxiety she manifested in behalf of her husband and others, proved clearly that by an intelligent Christian faith she was looking to the things which are not seen. Being, as she had been for several years, connected with the M. E. Society, the obsequies were attended at the M. E. church in Mexico, on Sabbath, the 24th ult., in compliance with the expressed wish of herself and friends, that the same minister who attended her nuptials should attend her funeral. Rev. W. C. Johnson conducted the services, assisted by Rev. Burrows Holmes of Mexico, and delivered the discourse from Ps. 73:26. May the God of all grace comfort the mourners, and may the memory of the excellent spirit, and consistent example of the patient, trusting, hopeful and suffering Dora prove the favor of life unto life to the survivors.

W. C. JOHNSON.

On the 22nd day of November, at Rochelle, Illinois, Calvin, son of J. A. and J. E. Good, wife of Visalia, Cal., aged eleven years.

NEW YORK TRIBUNE, 1873.

Now, as heretofore, the Tribune strives to be first of all and preeminently a new paper. France, England and Germany gradually permeated with Republican ideas. Spain swayed in the nervous grasp of a ruler who was breaking and too weak for victory. The splendid reputation in the last two years as the leading Passenger Route to the west. At Burlington it connects with the great Burlington Route which runs direct through Southern Iowa to Nebraska and Kansas, with close connections to California and the Territories; and passengers starting from Oswego County, on their way westward, cannot do better than take the C. B. and Q. R. R. and Burlington Route.

This has been published in a pamphlet called "How to go West," which contains much valuable information; a large correct map of Great West, which can be obtained free of charge by addressing the General Passenger Agent, B. and M. R. R. Burlington, Iowa.

Farm for Sale.

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## SERIES.

- Snow.
- Fine weather yesterday.
- Winter seems fairly begun.
- The Academy bell rings again.
- The hen-flew-hen-za is a fraud.
- Phoenix has a foot and a half of snow.

—Crescent Mill in Oswego was burned on Saturday night.

—The Fulton stage started out on Monday morning on runners.

—Mr. Zenas Butterfield owns the first two-seated covered carriage used in town.

—Dogs killed \$156 worth of sheep at Hannibal Center, the other night.

—A Term of the County Court began in Oswego on Monday last.

—Mr. F. E. Griffith has the first two-seated open wagon that was ever owned in town.

—We learn that there will be a Children's Service in the Episcopal church, on Friday evening Dec. 27.

—J. B. Taylor and family have moved to Syracuse. We regret to lose such pleasant neighbors.

—Rev. L. Muzzy has been sick again and was unable to preach last Sunday. We understand that his health is improving.

—At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Monday, Wm. J. Menter was appointed a committee to lease an armory in Mexico for Co. I, 48th Regiment.

—What has Mexico that she does not keep up with her neighbors in the matter of snow? Will she lose her reputation, or is she waiting to do a big thing?

—The "hippo-chiks" is the name adopted by classical pouterers to designate the reported murrain among the feathered tribes.

—E. H. Wadsworth and George Stone and A. C. Thomas are on our roll of honor, having substituted for second copies of the Independent. These are examples worthy of imitation.

—The Oswego Press says: At Fulton the snow is reported to be about four feet deep. Saturday night the omnibuses could not run to the D. L. & W. R.R. on account of the depth of snow.

—"Seamless gloves" are much in vogue among the ladies who have large hands, the reason for which is that from their close fitting, they make the hands seem less.

—Rev. J. P. Stratton's little boy, Willie, fell over the balustrade yesterday afternoon, and was so hurt as to be for a while unconscious. It is believed, however, that there are no internal injuries.

—A young lady says she hopes the Mansard roof will not go out of fashion, since they are so picturesque. Her preference probably arises from the fact that there is a man in the world.

—"Variety weddings" are being introduced. They take the place of wood, tin or crystal weddings, the happy couple receiving a variety of presents instead of having them all of one material.

—Those wishing copies of the Thanksgiving Sermon can obtain them at this office.

—On account of the Thanksgiving Sermon and other matters we are forced to leave out our Home and Youth's columns this week.

—The Methodist society of this village contemplate having some very interesting exercises in their church on New Year's eve.

—Among those who spent thanksgiving in this village, were Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stone, of Syracuse; W. C. Stone, Editor of the Oswego Herald; and wife; and H. S. Parkhurst and wife, of Gloversville.

—Prof. J. Dorman Steele, who is now journeying with his brother-in-law in this city for a few days, has been elected a Fellow of the Geological Society, London. *Watertown Daily Times.*

[Prof. Steele was a few years ago Principal of our Academy.]

—One clock is now the fashionable hour for weddings, indicating that two hearts beat as one; while two o'clock is "quite the thing" for divorce, showing that the two hearts have ceased to beat as one, but beat as two.

—The Press of Tuesday evening says: "Mr. John A. Day, editor of the Oswego Advertiser, is lying quite sick at his residence in this city, being threatened, we understand, with typhoid fever. We trust, however, that he will speedily recover."

—In another column will be found the prospectus of the New York Tribune for 1873. The Tribune is pre-eminently a news paper.

—Subscribe for your Magazines at 5¢.

—New Year! Splendid quality; lower prices; go and see at 43 Hoose & Cobb's.

## NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Oswego County Agricultural Society, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, will be held at the Mayo House, in the village of Mexico, on Wednesday, Dec. 25th, at 12 o'clock noon.

HENRY L. BARTON, Sec'y.  
Mexico, Dec. 24, 1872.

## NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Colosse Cheese Manufacturing Co. will be held at the School House, in the village of Colosse, at 6 o'clock, Tuesday evening, Dec. 10, 1872. The public are invited to attend.

L. D. WILLIAMS,  
Colosse, Nov. 29, 1872. Clerk.

A DESIDERATUM SUPPLIED.—Our ingenious friend, Homer Ames, has been building a machine for gumming saws, which is already in operation. Those having saws to be gummed will do well to give him a call.

—Go to Ballard's for your Oysters.

—Moore's Rural New Yorker for \$2.00. A \$5.00 picture for 50 cts. ad. personal. Subscribe at 5¢.

L. L. VIRGIL'S.

## Thanksgiving Day in Mexico.

Thanksgiving was celebrated in this village with fully the usual amount of thankfulness, we think. Services were held in the Universalist and Episcopal churches, and the Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians united in the Methodist church, where a large congregation listened to a very able and eloquent discourse by Rev. J. P. Stratton, which, at the request of many citizens of all denominations, we give entire:

## SERMON.

TEXT.—The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places, yea, I have a goodly heritage.—Psalm xvi, 6.

Gather, I uttering to-day tells us that another year has gone; the white winter, the green spring, the brown summer, the golden autumn, are in their graves; and again the day strikes, when the thought of the nation is, "O, give thanks unto the Lord, for his mercy endureth for ever." Our Father has continued unchanging among the changing, and undying among the dying. Through the year the heavens have declared the glory of God, and the firmament has shown his handiwork; day unto day has uttered speech, and night unto night has shown knowledge. All nature has kept orderly; millions of worlds have kept swinging round without a jar or a creak, and not one speck of matter nor one moment of time has missed God's love. The blue sky has had its bosom full of stars for the night, and its bosom full of sunbeams for the day; the clouds have cupped their stormy, winds have breathed upon us, and the earth has yielded her increase. Fire has consumed immense values, and death has slain his tens of thousands; but peace, order, liberty, and growth unparallelled, have blessed our land. Sin has indeed abounded, but grace has superabounded; and through hearts and homes and States the gospels of Jesus Christ have gone conquering and to conquer, so that now, more than ever, this is Immanuel's land.

Therefore, "Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee."

"Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him with the sound of the trumpet; praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbral and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

On this Thanksgiving day it seems especially appropriate to indicate several of the principles that have made America so goodly a heritage.

As you walk up Chestnut street in the city of Philadelphia, your eyes rest upon a plain, old-fashioned building; go up the well-worn steps and you enter a room hardly so large as the modern parlors. Less than a century ago the members of Congress clustered in that little hall proclaimed the independence of America, and in a moment the old bell, (now cracked, and fixed down stairs, but then away up in the tower), was ringing the good news to all the inhabitants. Then and now, what a contrast! Philadelphia was a village city, all of whose streets had their quaint, old houses of brick and white stucco. New York was a quiet town, doing away on the crowded lanes, her Holland forefathers made; and in all the country there were no more people than now live in four or five of our cities. In one century the feeble colonies have become the great Republic. Instead of weakness there is strength, and instead of obscurity there is renown. We have become the greatest and most civilized of nations; there is no island no desert, no continent that has not seen the waving of our stars and stripes, and as it is said of England, so it can be said of the Republic: "We have carried the science of healing, the means of travel and correspondence, every mechanical art, every manufacture, and every single thing that promotes the convenience of life to a perfection which our ancestors would have thought impossible or magical. We have produced a literature smaller but not inferior to classic Greece. We have discovered the laws of sky and air and sea, and water; and we have been the acknowledged leaders in liberty, in enterprise, and in progress." Why?

Let everybody have a chance. Turn men into slaves, and you will need overseers with whips in their hands to keep the workers at work. Make men toil simply because they must, and you will have a set of heartless drudges; but let people labor because it brings competence and honor; put ambition behind every hammer, and expectation back of every plow, and hope in every cradle, and you will make a nation of tremendous energy. That is the secret, distinguishing her from all others. Go today over the Eastern lands, you will see the tallest mountains, the sunniest skies, and the fruitfulness of valleys of earth; yet every thing seems ancient; the smell of a thousand years is in the air. People walk and sit and eat and work and think precisely as their forefathers did; the child plays on after the father, and the man stays in the same caste that he held in boyhood; the priest wears his robe and ministers at the altar; the weaver works away at his shuttle and the soldier goes forth to battle because it may be, fifty generations of ancestry have done the very same thing before him.

No wonder you have a people that seem more like statuary than flesh and blood, and no wonder you have a history that is the same in the 9th as in the 19th century; for everything is fixed as adamant, and labor has no hope in it. Wendell Phillips used to say: "Scratch a Cossack, and you will find a Turk underneath; scratch the China of to-day, and you will find the China of four thousand years ago." But here it is altogether different; nothing stays fixed, and we smile at the very idea of privileged classes. No one family has a title clung to the White House, and senators are as likely to be born in huts as in mansions. The great men of the next generation, where are they? No man can tell, but God sees them on farms and in factories, in log cabins and in splendid homes. Now they are chopping and hammering; they are schooling and playing; some of them in homespun, and some of them in broad cloth; but by and by they will be our statesmen, our pastors, our teachers, our solid men. No body cares much for ancestry here, for even the richest are very apt to strike poverty a little wack. The new generation tells us one day that the son of a coachman has become the Governor of a State, and the grandson of a millionaire has died a pauper; but we pass on to the next item undisturbed, for that is

is satisfied, for there is a mighty host fervently loving the Lord of Lords, and laboring with heart and with hand, with brain and with foot, with pen and with plow, with faith and with works, "that His Kingdom may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven." True, there are denominations many, and sects many, but what of it? There is life in variety. Let the tree live, and it will produce variety—leaves and twigs and stems and buds and fruit—all of them good, all of them useful! But let the tree die, and it will produce unity, for every thing on it and in it will go into one thing—dust, useless dust. Yes, we may have different names, but these are our first names; and, like the members of a family, there must be first names to tell which is which; but the last name is the same for all, and with us that last name is Christian. We are all brothers and sisters, and when we meet in union service, as we do meet this morning, no stranger could tell our first names, but any stranger could speak our last name; at the first breath he would say Christians. God be praised for a land that gives us freedom of conscience!

But, lastly, there is civil freedom. Ever since the Savior preached the sermon upon the mount, and proclaimed the golden rule, the old maxim, Might is right, has been changing into the new maxim, Right is might; and nowhere more than in the great Republic. At the very start, before we had fired a gun, or marched a regiment, or chosen a flag, we put one splendid stone deep into the foundations, and it was writ all over these immortal words: "All men are created free and equal, and are endowed with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." That is the glory of America. For long years that glory was tarnished; flesh and blood were sold in the shambles; human souls were bartered for money; the air was harsh with the crack of the overseer's whip; and with the groans of slaves; but in the smoke of battle, amid the boom of cannon, and the flow of blood, and the glare of flame, slavery died, and now in all the land there is not one slave; but every one, whether white or black, old or young, wise or ignorant, is a freeman, enjoying the glorious privileges of American citizenship. Surely, the lines have fallen in pleasant places, and we have a goodly heritage. In such a land there must be patriotism. Let some harm threaten the old flag, and a million armed men leap into the fight. We may differ, and differ widely, upon questions of policy; but when the votes are in, and the majority is counted, old friends and new, all together, we rally to the support of the chosen ruler. A month ago, we were bitter strife; to-day it is forgotten, and we all grasp hands together in love for the Union and her rulers. We glory in America, the land of all soils and climes; where, at one extremity the people sit under the leaves of orange groves, while the fields are thick with snows at the other; the land, whose South has cotton enough to clothe the world, whose West has corn enough to feed the world, and whose North has forests enough to warm the world; the land that has farms enough to make it agricultural, and hard-boiled enough to make it commercial, and manufacturing; the land that has soil and climate and streams and stones, and iron and gold enough to make it an empire outstripping the Persian, the Roman, the Egyptian—all the land built by God Almighty to become an empire of the highest and purest civilization. God be praised for the favors he has shown it; for the peace he has given it; for its harvests, it homes, its churches, its freedom, it power, its progress! God be praised for the triumphs of the past, the joys of the present, the hopes of the future! Therefore, let us all bow down unto thee, Oh, Lord, "Sing unto Him: sing psalms unto Him. Give unto the Lord ye kindred of the people; give unto the Lord glory and strength: bring an offering, and come before Him. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel forever and ever: and all the people said Amen and Amen."

## Meteorology.

The whole amount of rain-fall during the month of October, 1872, was 6.3 inches. This was the greatest amount that has fallen in October during the past ten years. The least amount fell in 1867—1 inch.

The warmest day of the month was that of the 6th—66.3°. Coldest, 29th—34.3°.

The mean temperature of October during the past 19 years was as follows:

1854 50.7° 1871 49.2° 1867 43.1°  
1855 49.7° 1862 50.9° 1868 43.4°  
1856 47.9° 1863 50.4° 1869 43.0°  
1857 47.6° 1864 44.1° 1870 43.1°  
1858 44.0° 1865 42.7° 1871 49.1°  
1859 45.8° 1866 48.4° 1872 45.5°  
1860 49.9°

We have seen the gorgeous beauty of the hill-sides and valleys as the forests have ripened into maturity without Jack Frost's withering touch, beyond anything to be described or conceived. Myriads of the most perfect tints and hues, with all the most perfect blendings that can be conceived, have been seen as far as the eye can reach, and yet this is not the end; it is only bounded by those all-absorbing views beyond.

The weather though somewhat changeable, with alternate variations of rain storms and fine, bright days, has been warm and pleasant, with no hard frosts until the morning of Oct. 17th, when the ground bore a slight crust of frozen surface, and all tender vegetation was cut down.

R. B. BARTLETT.  
Palermo, Nov., 1872.

A CURIOSITY.—Mr. McKinley brought to our office, the other day, some last year's peach-bloss potatoes that had been kept in the house—not in the cellar—and had sprouted, and the sprouts were growing many small tubers. He thinks that should one plant them now in a box of earth, kept in a warm place, he would have new potatoes in February. Somebody is going to try it.

CHRIST CHURCH (Universalist).—Regular services every Sunday, at 2 o'clock p. m. All are invited. Seats free. Rev. James Vincent, Pastor.

—New Sheet Music at Virgil's.

—Frames for sale for a Wide Awake and Fast Asleep, at Ballard's Furniture store.

—Go and see the largest assortment of Pocket Cutlery that was ever offered in town at

Hoose & Cobb's.

## Sunday School Thanksgiving Concert.

The Sunday School Thanksgiving Concert in the Presbyterian church of this village, on last Sunday evening, was appropriate and full of interest. There was no attempt at display, the exercises being simple and devotional, and consisting chiefly of a responsive thanksgiving service, gathered from the Bible, and showing how rich and varied that book in ascriptions of praise. This service was conducted by the pastor—Rev. Jas. P. Stratton—and Geo. G. French, Esq., with whom the school read nearly as one. The reading was frequently broken with chants, anthems and other songs of praise, and we think better music is not often heard from choirs and Sunday Schools than was listened to that evening. The solo by Miss Annie Webb, was sweetly sung; and the society may well congratulate itself on having such vocalists as Mr. Becker and Mrs. Wheeler to lead its singing, and such organists as Mr. Wheeler and Miss Kate Brown.

The Infant Class, under the charge of Mrs. B. S. Stone, added much to the interest of the occasion by their pleasing exercises. In the first, which was at the opening of the concert, eighteen little children came upon the platform, one by one, each bearing a letter and telling what it stood for until we could read, "Jesus is our Shepherd," and then singing together a song, whose refrain was, "We will follow Jesus." The other, towards the close, was a little thanksgiving dialogue, in which some of the youngest ones, hand part, spoke distinctly and well.

Farther on in the service Carrie Peck recited, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia," words which were probably destined to be sung, but which would take raising in order to render more beautiful than she made them, and we think she could be clearly heard in the remotest corners of the room.

Over the platform, in large letters, was the motto:

"Let ALL the People Praise THEE!"

The lettering, which was done by some of the ladies, evinced much skill and taste, and was greatly admired by all present.

We were glad that so many were in to listen to this simple, beautiful service, and think it would be well if we could have similar exercises more frequently.

FOR SALE—1 light 1-horse Sleigh with two seats, trimmed; 1 buffalo robe, lined; 1 single harness; 1 two-horse harness. F. WADCH.  
Mexico, Dec. 8, 1872.

Mr. L. Robbins, proprietor of Railroad Mills, has for sale a superior quality of Rye and Buckwheat flour. Try it.

## Auction Sale.

The undersigned will sell at public auction, on the premises of A. F. Beebe, deceased, about a mile north of New Haven Depot, on Thursday, Dec. 12, 1872, at 10 o'clock a. m.: 5 tons of hay, about 60 bushels of oats, 1 new lumber one-horse wagon, 1 set one-horse bobs, 1 cutter (wood), 1 one-horse sleigh, and numerous farming utensils.

MARY E. BEEBE.  
New Haven, Dec. 3, 1872.

## PARISH.

The building owned by the heirs of Philip Westover, and occupied by Mr. Evans as a saloon, and by Mr. Barrett as a shoe shop, was consumed by fire last Sunday evening about 7 o'clock. The building caught fire by the stove pipe. Most of the furniture was saved. There was an insurance on the building and goods.

Mrs. Sanford with 12 of her pupils had a concert of vocal and instrumental music at the Town Hall last Wednesday evening. A large audience was in attendance. The music was fine and elevating. Mrs. Sanford and her pupils did great credit to themselves, and doubtless the rapid proficiency her pupils have made. Poetry and music is the highest and purest language known among men, and above all it is the language of heaven. Our native friends will learn it by and by, and then we can all of us understand each other on the evergreen shore.

Mrs. Kimball did not arrive in this place at the time appointed, on account of trouble with the railroad. She arrived here last Saturday eve. On Sunday afternoon and evening she lectured and gave tests at the Town Hall. Her tests generally were satisfactory. She sees spirits in her normal state, but lectures in the abnormal. She saw standing by one young man, a gentleman in uniform, who died in the army, who immediately recognized him as his father. The father was a Methodist clergyman. She saw beside our better half an elderly lady who used to smoke. It was her mother. One gentleman was told he came very near losing his life once, by accident; acknowledged as a fact. One little girl was seen beside her old playmate, and passed to our better half in a hurry, recognized as little Ella, ever a great favorite in our family. She told there had been an article stolen from the audience that evening, and the thief had better return it immediately. One young man admitted that an article had been stolen from him that evening. She described some individuals who had not left the form, but were engaged in some wicked projects. We have told but a small portion of what was done. The disbelievers of Spiritualism were confounded when Mrs. Kimball told things that they were well aware she knew nothing of. She avers that spiritualism tended to make men moral in view of the fact that all the hosts of the departed are taking cognizance of all our acts, and can reveal our secrets.

The Carley House is opened for guests. Odd.

Parish, Dec. 2, 1872.

—We are gratified to notice that friend HUMPHRIES, of the Mexico Independent, has recently enlarged his paper and come out with a new dress, which is evidence of his prosperity and good taste. The Independent has also become the organ of the deaf notes, and has a department devoted to their special benefit. But notwithstanding that fact, we are confident that Mr. H. will never be mute himself while error is to be attacked or truth vindicated. Prosperity to the Independent.—Clinton Courier.

—Come and see our new Plant Brackets, just what every lady wants for window plants. 5¢ L. G. BALLARD.

## SERIAL STORY.

On the first of January, 1873, we shall commence in the columns of the INDEPENDENT the publication of a serial from the pen of Miss EMMA N. BEEBE, who has for some time past assisted in the editorial duties of this office. It will be entitled

## CHARITY BOSTON,

and will be a story of village life, not sensational, but none the less valuable on that account, many of its incidents and characters being drawn from real life. Let those who want the story subscribe early.

The authoress wields a ready and graceful pen, and from what we know of her ability as a writer, we have no hesitancy in saying that the story will be of surpassing interest.

## Church Dedication at Texas, Oswego Co.

The new Church at Texas, lately rebuilt in place of the former Church, destroyed by fire last winter, will be dedicated to the worship of God, on Thursday, the 12th day of December proximo. Services to commence at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. A. Crooker, Moderator of Syracuse, is to preach the dedication sermon. All resident ministers of Christian Churches of Mexico and vicinity are cordially invited to take part in the services of the occasion; also Rev. L. N. Stratton, M. A., of Syracuse. The attendance and co-operation of the entire Christian public are most heartily solicited.

On behalf of Trust Board and Committee, A. F. DEMPSEY, Pastor.  
Mexico, Nov. 18, 1872.

## Teachers' Association.

There will be an Association of Teachers of the 2d District (Oswego County), held at Cleveland, Dec. 13 and 14, 1872.

Friday evening, Lecture. Saturday, 9:30 a. m., Reading by Miss M. C. Cook, of Gilbert's Mills. Oration by H. L. Stanton, of Amboy. 11 a. m., Geography by J. H. Gridley, of Central Square. Intermission.

1:30 p. m., Spelling by B. G. Clapp, of Phoenix. Address—subject a written report on the true object of School Discipline, by W. B. Howard, of Phoenix. Miscellaneous exercises. Adjournment.

Teachers of this and adjoining Districts are cordially invited to attend. W. R. ALSEVER, Sec'y.

## Science and the Bible.

Rev. Dr. Reed, of Chicago, says of this book: We are glad to know that such a work as "Science of the Bible" is going into the hands of the people, for thereby is truth being established. The author's plan is very simple. He shows that God has two books—one a record called the Bible, and the other a pictorial illustration of himself called Nature. These two volumes ought to harmonize and do harmonize. The various modern objections of infidels are reviewed, and the result is a work scientific enough to satisfy the investigating, and yet simple enough for the good old farmer-Christian who is pained when his family Bible is impeached.

Rev. Dr. Hall says: the whole work exhibits most beautifully the harmony of true science and Christianity. The cause of truth and the honor of God cannot fail to be promoted by its publication and circulation.

Rev. B. L. Agnew of the N. Pra. Ch., Philadelphia, says: Science and the Bible is a perfectly safe, an intensely interesting, and a most wonderful book.

[We most heartily endorse all that is said above concerning this work, and we think it cannot fail to increase the moral power, as well as the intelligence of every one who investigates it. We are pleased to learn that the agent for this work, Mr. C. B. Thomson, is meeting with much success in procuring subscribers for this work.]

"MR. BLAKE'S WALKING STICK."—We have received from Adams, Blackmer & Lyon Publishing Co., Chicago, a beautiful full-size volume with the above title, by Edward Eggleston. The name of the author guarantees its worth, while its object is stated in his brief and admirable preface: "I have meant to furnish a book that would serve as a Christmas present to Sunday-schools, either from the school or from their teachers. I hope it is a story, however, appropriate to all seasons, and that it will enforce one of the most beautiful and one of the most frequently forgotten precepts of the Lord Jesus."

The little volume contains sixty pages, is neatly printed on tinted paper, pleasantly illustrated, and tastefully bound. We most heartily commend it to all in search of Christmas presents, whether in the Sunday-school or out.

Best Six Shilling Syrup ever offered in this market at 5¢ L. G. BALLARD'S.

GOOD SLEIGHS FOR SALE.—Francis Villard has good sleighs for sale. He will give time on approved notes or take wood or lumber in exchange.  
Mexico, Dec. 5, 1872.

HORRIBLE AFFAIR.—John Donahue, of Oswego, went home intoxicated on Saturday evening, threw a kerosene lamp upon the stove, causing it to explode, and scattering the burning oil over a baby about nine months old that was playing on the floor. Mrs. Donahue succeeded in smothering the flames, but not until the child was fatally burned. She was herself badly burned, and it is feared will not recover. The house caught fire, but was saved by the exertions of neighbors.

VERMILION.—Mr. C. L. Smelly, of this place, has moved his stock of goods to Wolcott, Wayne Co., and is going into business at that place.

Mr. D. Ingersoll has bought the house and store lately occupied by Smedley, and is going to fill up with groceries.

Dr. Forsyth has the charge of the Post Office, and has moved it to the corner of Broadway and Bark streets. The Hotel and grist mill have lately had a new coat of paint. O. I. C.

NORTH VOLNEY.—We still live in North Volney, notwithstanding, as was predicted, the great tidal wave did not sweep us all away. But the Ku Klux have become so hard up that they are raffling off their poultry. What next? HIRAM.

## List of Letters

Remaining in Mexico P. O., uncalled for Dec. 5, 1872:

Louise C. Allen, Jay Brown, Mrs. S. B. Blood, Llewellyn J. Hall, Peter Manwarren, John Rice, Joseph Smith, Mr. Veau.

People calling for the above letters will say they are advertised, and give the date.

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